


**WISCONSIN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
COMMUNITY APPLICATION
SECTION I-APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Entity: <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Entity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit (Attach copies of IRS documents showing acceptance of Federal Tax Exempt Status) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Governmental Unit	
Legal Name: African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin	
Trade Name: African American Chamber/the Chamber	
Mailing Address: 633 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 603	City, State, Zip: Milwaukee, WI 53203
FEIN: 39-1768969 DO NOT ENTER SSN <small>(Federal Employee Identification Number – Tax ID or Social Security Number)</small>	NAICS:
Fiscal Year End Date: 12/31/2020	Check box if W-9 is attached to the application <input type="checkbox"/>
Website URL: www.aaccwi.org	Phone: (414)462-9420
Chief Elected Official: Chris Abele	Title: County Executive
Phone: 414-278-4212	Email: countyexec@milwaukeecountywi.gov
CONTACT	
Local Government Contact: Milele A. Coggs	Title: District 6 Alderwoman
Email: mcoggs@milwaukee.gov	Phone: 414-286-2221
Mailing Address: 200 E. Wells St., Rm 205	City, State, Zip: Milwaukee, WI 53202
Non-Government Contact: Deborah Allen	Title: Board Chair
Email: dallen18@wi.rr.com	Phone: 414-915-7773
Mailing Address: 923 E. Kilbourn Avenue, Unit 1402	City, State, Zip: Milwaukee, WI 53202
Contracting Contact: James Phelps, JCP Construction	Title: Owner
Email: james@jcp-construction.com	Phone: 414-372-7300
Mailing Address: 1849 North MLK Drive	City, State, Zip: Milwaukee, WI 53212

SECTION II-INFORMATION ON LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Has the applicant been involved in a lawsuit in the last 5 years?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant been involved in a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding in the last 10 years, or are any such proceedings pending?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has the applicant been charged with a crime, ordered to pay or otherwise comply with civil penalties imposed, or been the subject of a criminal or civil investigation in the last 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the applicant have any outstanding tax liens?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please attach a detailed explanation of any YES responses.	

SECTION III-STATE REQUESTS FOR BID OR PROPOSAL

Are you aware of any State of Wisconsin request(s) for bid or request(s) for proposal to which the applicant intends to respond, or to which the applicant has recently responded?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please provide the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify the bid or request for proposal (e.g., bid number, or general description or title). b. Identify the state agency or public entity to which you are submitting the bid or proposal. c. Explain the status of the bid or proposal (e.g., recently submitted; considering submission; in current negotiations). 	
<small>Please note that if you answer "yes" WEDC may not be able to discuss potential financial assistance until the request for bid or request for proposal process has been completed.</small>	



**WISCONSIN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES TO THE BEST OF ITS KNOWLEDGE:

1. The information submitted to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) in this application, and subsequently in connection with this application, is true and correct.
2. The applicant is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and orders applicable to it that could have an adverse material impact on the project. Adverse material impact includes lawsuits, criminal or civil actions, bankruptcy proceedings, regulatory action by a governmental entity or inadequate capital to complete the project.
3. The applicant is not in default under the terms and conditions of any grant or loan agreements, leases or financing arrangements with its other creditors that could have an adverse material impact on the project.
4. WEDC is authorized to obtain background checks including a credit check on the applicant and any individual(s) with 20% or more ownership interest in the applicant company.
5. The applicant has disclosed, and will continue to disclose, any occurrence or event that could have an adverse material impact on the project.

THE APPLICANT UNDERSTANDS:

1. This application and other materials submitted to WEDC may constitute public records subject to disclosure under Wisconsin's Public Records Law, §19.31 et seq. The applicant may mark documents "confidential" if the documents contain sensitive information.
2. Submitting false or misleading information in connection with an application may result in the applicant being found ineligible for financial assistance under the funding program, and the applicant or its representative may be subject to civil and/or criminal prosecution.
3. Authorization to Receive Confidential Information. The applicant hereby authorizes the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation ("WEDC") to request and receive confidential information that the applicant has submitted to, including any adjustments to such information by, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue ("DOR") and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development ("DWD"), and to use such information solely for the purposes of assessing the applicant's performance for the duration of the economic development project and ensuring that WEDC is properly administering or evaluating economic development programs. With regard to the information contained in the DWD unemployment insurance files, WEDC may access the following for the 8 most recent quarters: the quarterly gross wages paid to the applicant's employees; the monthly employee count; and the applicant's FEIN, NAICS code, and legal and trade names. The applicant also authorizes WEDC to share information submitted to WEDC by the applicant with the DOR and DWD and to redisclose to the public the information received from the DOR and DWD used to evaluate the applicant's performance under their specific economic development program and the impact of WEDC economic development programs. Records exempted from public records law by Wis. Stat. § 19.36(1) will be handled by WEDC in accordance with that law.

Yes **No** I certify that incentive assistance is needed to ensure this project will happen in Wisconsin. Please provide details below:

Signature:  Date: 1/21/2020
(Authorized Representative of Applicant Organization)

Printed Name: Ossie Kendrix

Title: President & CEO

Applicant Organization Name: **African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin**

Involved in a Lawsuit within the last 5 years:

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin was the plaintiff and not the defendant in lawsuit against defaulted revolving loan recipient, Buford Personal Care LLC and Kelton V. Buford, which was resolved on April 27, 2018.

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United States of America

State of Wisconsin



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Mary Ann McCoshen, Administrator, Division of Corporate and Consumer Services, Department of Financial Institutions, do hereby certify that the annexed copy has been compared by me with the record on file in the Corporation Section of the Division of Corporate & Consumer Services of this department and that the same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such record; and that I am the legal custodian of said record, and that this certification is in due form.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann McCoshen".

MARY ANN McCOSHEN, Administrator
Division of Corporate and Consumer Services
Department of Financial Institutions

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph E. King".

BY: JOSEPH E. KING

DATE: OCT 25 2017

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Articles of Incorporation

Executed by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a Wisconsin corporation organized under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, without stock and not for profit.

Article 1

The name of the corporation is African American Chamber of Commerce, INC.



Article 2

The period of existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual

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Article 3

The purposes of the Corporation shall be to engage in any lawful activities authorized by Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Article 4

The principle office of the Corporation is located in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.

The address of the principle office is

5232 West Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Article 5

The name of the initial registered agent is Dester Martin.

Article 6

The address of the initial registered agent is

5232 West Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Article 7

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MAY 12 1988

REC. STATE SEC.
MAY 30 8:00 AM
STATE SEC.

These Articles may be amended in the manner authorized by law at the time of amendment.

Article 8

The number of directors shall be fixed by by-law, but shall not be less than three (3).

Article 9

The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Dester Martin
5232 West Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Joe Nevels
W137 N9370 Hwy 145
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Lamont Brown
3975 North Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53206

Article 10

Membership provisions shall be set forth in the by-laws.

Article 12

The name and address of the incorporator is

Dester Martin
5232 West Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

NOTARIAL PUBLIC
STATE OF WISCONSIN

NOTARIAL PUBLIC
STATE OF WISCONSIN

Executed in duplicate on the 16 day of April, 1993


Dester Martin

State of Wisconsin)
County of Milwaukee)

SS

Personally came before me this 16 day of April A. D., 1993
the aforementioned incorporator Dester Martin, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing
instrument, and acknowledged the same

My commission expires 10/20/96


Tiffany Hofer

This document was drafted by Tiffany Hofer

**ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION**

**CHAPTER 181
NONSTOCK**

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AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
c/o 5232 West Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

STATE OF WISCONSIN
FILED
MAY 13 1993
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
SECRETARY OF STATE

SEC
OF STATE
CREDIT

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
5232 W CENTER ST
MILWAUKEE WI 53210



DATE: May 13, 1993

CORP ID#
A031337



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Wisconsin, hereby certifies that,
on the date above written, Articles of Incorporation (or Association) of

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

were filed in my office under the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes, and in particular under
CHAPTER 181 - WISCONSIN NONSTOCK CORPORATION LAW

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN does hereby grant unto said organization the powers and privileges conferred upon such
organization by the Wisconsin Statutes for the pursuit of any purposes lawful under the chapter or section, of the Wiscon-
sin Statutes, of its organization except as such purposes may be further limited in said Articles. IN TESTIMONY
WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at Madison, on 5/13/93



Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS La FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

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The African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. amends its Articles of Incorporation, which were filed with the Secretary of State on May 13, 1993, to read as follows:

FEB 21 12:00PM

- 1. A new Article 13 is hereby created to read as follows:

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Article 13 -- Purposes

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) (hereinafter the "Internal Revenue Code"); to engage in activities relating to the aforementioned purposes; and to invest in, receive, hold, use and dispose of all property, real or personal, as may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect the aforementioned purposes.

Within and subject to the foregoing, the Corporation will address the need for Milwaukee's African-American community, particularly its businesses, to develop the business acumen required to achieve economic parity with the mainstream of Greater Milwaukee. This goal will be accomplished by providing such businesses with a central resource for information and education regarding business management, capital acquisition, joint venturing, insurance and bonding and providing members with access to the experience and advice of other businesses.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- 2. A new Article 14 is hereby created to read as follows:

Article 14 -- Powers

The Corporation shall have all powers conferred upon nonstock, nonprofit corporations organized under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes and any successor provisions thereto now enacted or hereafter amended but shall exercise such powers only in fulfillment of its above-stated purposes.

The Corporation shall not engage in any of the following activities:

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(1) The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

(2) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to activities consisting of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, to the extent the Corporation has made an election pursuant to and remains in compliance with the restrictions of Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) No dividends shall be paid and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3. A new Article 15 is hereby created to read as follows:

Article 15 -- Dissolution and Liquidation

The Corporation may be dissolved upon the adoption of a plan to dissolve in the manner now or hereafter provided in the Wisconsin Statutes. In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, no liquidating or other dividends and no distribution of property owned by the Corporation shall be declared or paid to any private individual, but the net assets of the Corporation shall be distributed as follows:

(1) All liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor;

(2) Remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to a governmental unit referred to in Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for public purposes, as determined in the plan to dissolve adopted in the manner set forth above in this Article 15. Any assets not disposed of pursuant to the foregoing provisions shall be distributed by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is located to one or more organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to a governmental unit referred to in Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code exclusively for public purposes, as such court shall determine.

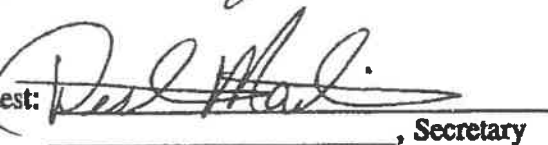
The undersigned officers of the African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. certify that the foregoing Articles of Amendment of this Corporation were adopted by the Members of the Corporation on January 31, 1994, by the following vote:

<u>Number of Members Entitled to Vote</u>	<u>Number present in person or by proxy</u>	<u>Number Voting FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 31 day of January, 1994.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

By: 
_____, President

Attest: 
_____, Secretary

This document was drafted by and should be returned to Lynette M. Zigman, Foley & Lardner, 777 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, (414) 289-3607. This instrument should be recorded in Milwaukee County.

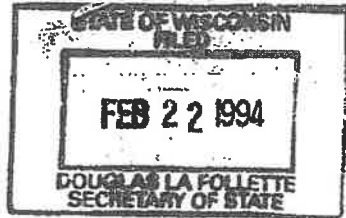
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Amendment 181

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Adds 501 (1)(3) language



DO NOT STAPLE

Sec. 181.1005
Wis. Stats.

State of Wisconsin
Department of Financial Institutions
Division of Corporate and Consumer Services



ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT – NONSTOCK CORPORATION

A. The present corporate name (prior to any change effected by this amendment) is:

African American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
(Enter Corporate Name)

Text of Amendment (Refer to the existing articles of incorporation and the instructions on the reverse of this form. Determine those items to be changed and set forth the number identifying the paragraph being changed and how the amended paragraph is to read.)

RESOLVED, THAT the articles of incorporation be amended as follows:
Resolved that Article 1 of the articles of incorporation be amended to read: African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin, Inc.



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B. Amendment(s) adopted on May 21, 2014

(Indicate the method of adoption by checking (X) the appropriate choice below.)

- In accordance with sec. 181.1002, Wis. Stats. (By the Board of Directors)
- OR In accordance with sec. 181.1003, Wis. Stats. (By Members)
- OR In accordance with sec. 181.1004, Wis. Stats. (By Members voting by Class)

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C. Approval by 3rd Person (Contingency Statement)

Written approval for amending the articles of incorporation was obtained from the person whose approval is required by a provision of the articles of incorporation authorized under sec. 181.1030.

D. Executed on 5/5/2014
(Date)

Stephanie Findley
(Signature)

Title: President Secretary
or other officer title Chairman

Stephanie Findley
(Printed name)

This document was drafted by Dr. Eve M. Hall, President
(Name the individual who drafted the document)

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT (Ch. 181, Nonstock)

African American Chamber of Commerce
633 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1001
Milwaukee, WI 53203

▲ Your return address and phone number during the day: (414) 462-9450

INSTRUCTIONS (Ref. sec. 181.1005 Wis. Stats. for document content)

Submit one original document to Dept. of Financial Institutions, P O Box 7846, Madison WI, 53707-7846, together with a **FILING FEE of \$25.00**, payable to the department. Filing fee is **non-refundable**. (If sent by Express or Priority U.S. mail, address to 201 W. Washington Ave., Suite 300, Madison WI, 53703). The original must include an original manual signature, per sec. 181.0120(2), Wis. Stats. **NOTICE:** This form may be used to accomplish a filing required or permitted by statute to be made with the department. Information requested may be used for secondary purposes. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Corporate & Consumer Services at 608-261-7577. Hearing-impaired may call 711 for TTY.

- A. Enter the name of the corporation (before any change effected by this amendment) and the text of the amendment(s). The text should recite the resolution adopted (e.g., "Resolved, that Article 1 of the articles of incorporation be amended to read: (set forth the amended article).
- B. Enter the date of adoption of the amendment(s). If there is more than one amendment, identify the date of adoption of each. Mark (X) one of the three choices to indicate the method of adoption of the amendment(s).

By Board of Directors – Refer to sec. 181.1002 for specific information on the character of amendments that may be adopted by the Board of Directors without the approval of members with voting rights.

By Members – Adoption by members requires 2/3rd of votes cast or a majority of the voting power, whichever is less, except as conditioned by the articles of incorporation, bylaws, ss. 181.1002(1), 181.1030 or other provisions of Ch. 181, Wis. Stats.

By Members thru Class Voting – Refer to sec. 181.1004 for specific information on class voting by members.

- C. Approval by Other Person – Amendment of the articles of incorporation may require the approval of a person other than the board or members, if so specified in the articles of incorporation under sec. 181.1030.
- D. Enter the date of execution and the name and title of the person signing the document. The document must be signed by one of the following: An **officer** of the corporation (or incorporator if directors have not been elected), or a court-appointed receiver, trustee or fiduciary. A director is **not** empowered to sign.

If the document is executed in Wisconsin, sec. 182.01(3) provides that it shall not be filed unless the name of the person (individual) who drafted it is printed, typewritten or stamped thereon in a legible manner. If the document is not executed in Wisconsin, enter that remark.



For Office



State of Wisconsin
Department of Financial Institutions

Endorsement

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT - Ch. 181

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

Received Date: 6/23/2014

Filed Date: 6/30/2014

Filing Fee: \$25.00

Entity ID#: A031337

Total Fee: \$25.00

Changes corporation name

Department of the Treasury
Director, Exempt Organizations

Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Date: DEC 17 1999

African American Chamber of Commerce
C/o Dester Martin
PO Box 100048
Milwaukee, WI. 53210-2334485

Employer Identification Number:
39-1768969
Document Locator Number:
17053-317-70501-9
Contact Person - ID Number:
Tim Zimmer 31-0269
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Dear Sir or Madam:

Based on the information you recently submitted, we have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. You are not a private foundation because you are an organization of the type described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Your exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) is still in effect.

This classification is based on the assumption that your operations will continue as you have stated. If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status.

This letter supersedes any previous letter or notice we have issued in which your organization was presumed to be a private foundation.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

The law requires you to make your annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your exemption application, any supporting documents and this exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are made widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

African American Chamber of Commerce

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your private foundation status, please keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name, identification number and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Steven T. Miller

Director, Exempt Organizations

SALES & USE TAX
CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPT STATUS (CES)
(Religious, Charitable, Scientific or Educational Organization)

Wisconsin Department of Revenue
PO Box 8902
Madison WI 53708-8902
PHONE (608) 266-2776
TDD (608) 267-1049

Sales to the below named organization are exempt from taxation on purchases under the Wisconsin Sales and Use Tax Law pursuant to Sec. 77.54(9a), Wis. Stats.

This certificate is valid until revoked by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

CES NUMBER
ES 42690
DATE ISSUED
06/22/1978

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE INC
PO BOX 10048
MILWAUKEE WI 53210

IMPORTANT:

Sales to your organization are taxable unless you furnish your supplier with the CES number shown above.

Sales by your organization may be subject to tax. If your organization has taxable sales, it must obtain a seller's permit and remit sales tax to the Department of Revenue.